



Osage Minerals Council
Special Meeting
July 8, 2024
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

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1. **Call to Order and Welcome by Chairman Waller – 10:03 a.m.**
2. **Opening prayer by Second Chair Red Eagle**
3. **Roll Call – Chief of Staff Lacey Reynolds**

Councilmember Bighorse – present
Councilmember Cheshewalla – present
Councilmember Erwin – present
Councilmember Redcorn – present
Second Chair Red Eagle – present
Councilmember Revard – present
Councilmember Shackelford – absent
Chairman Waller – present

Chief of Staff Lacey Reynolds declares a quorum.

Guests in attendance are Jim Trumbly, Drew Tiger, and Curtis Williams

4. **Budget Modification for Council raises**

Chairman Waller states that the meeting is to allow budget modifications and says he will entertain a motion to that effect.

Second Chair Red Eagle moves and **Councilman Cheshewalla** seconds

Motion: Modify 2023-24 budget to reallocate funds to cover Council raises for the balance of FY 24.

Discussion - Councilman Revard states that he wants to know if the budget supplied is the original budget, a modified budget, or the current balances in each of the line items. He states he would like to know the current balances in the line items. **Chairman Waller** replies that it is the FY 24 budget that was submitted to the Nation and he does not have the current balances. He feels that this motion is to allow the Chief of Staff to go to the Treasury and get that information.

*Councilman Shackelford joins 10:08 am

Councilwoman Erwin refers to email received stating the line items that will need to be modified to accommodate this raise. **Councilman Revard** states that he hasn't seen that and then repeats some of the figures that were included in the email. He then states that he would like to see a copy of the letter that Councilwoman Erwin is referring to.



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Councilman Redcorn states that the OMC considers themselves “independent” but with this raise and is concerned about going to Congress each year to request the funds to pay their salaries that he voted no on and still feels like they shouldn’t do it. **Councilwoman Erwin** states her beliefs that the Nation has taken advantage of the work of the Minerals Council and that we have made the Nation lots of money. **Congressman Revard** recites payments for legal fees and states that maybe the Council should go to Congress to get reimbursed for legal fees and maybe get a portion of the fees obtained from grants that we have gotten for them and then we wouldn’t have to ask for money for salaries.

Chairman Waller states that he has been there for 12 years and feels that an increase is deserved, but this one is too high. **Congressman Revard** states that he feels that the Council deserves a fair salary as does Congress and does not think that this raise is excessive and once again states that the request to Congress should be for legal fees not salaries. **Councilman Redcorn** calls for the vote. **Chairman Wallers** asks that the motion be read aloud. **Chief of Staff Reynolds** said that the motion was just for budget modifications to meet Council raises. **Councilman Shackelford** clarifies that the motion is for the Chief of Staff to meet with the treasury to determine where changes can be made and then report back to the Council. **Chief of Staff Reynolds** states that the present motion does not include her meeting with the treasury and also states that we need a resolution to clearly state the details of the raise and fringes. **Councilman Revard** states that it has already been voted on that the OMC gets exactly what Congress receives and that it was effective June 14. **Chief of Staff Reynolds** asks that more clarification is given as to the specifics of this increase as well as any possible future increases. **Councilman Revard** once again states that this was already in the resolution by stating that the OMC gets exactly what Congress does. He continues to state that this has already decided.

*Councilman Redcorn leaves meeting 10:27 am

Chief of Staff Reynolds states that the attachment Councilman Revard is referring to was not presented until later in the day so that the motion voted on did not have the actual salary information. **Chairman Waller** states the motion now is for the Chief of Staff to go to the treasury to get our options available for the budget modifications. **Councilman Shackelford** states that it seems that there is still a lot of discussion that needs to be done regarding the raises and that Chief of Staff Reynolds deserves the time to get the information aligned correctly. He continues that the Council has “talked things to death” in the two years he’s been on Council and feels that more time should be taken to get everything right since the information had not been discussed prior to the motion get passed



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and that due diligence needs to be done. **Second Chair Red Eagle** amends his motion to allow Chief of Staff Reynolds to work with the treasury and make the necessary line item adjustments to the current budget to cover the Council salaries and benefits. Second Councilman Cheshewalla agrees to amendment. **Councilman Revard** states that it should say Compensation Package rather than salaries and benefits and **Chief of Staff Reynolds** states that the benefits noted are the for the expense allowance for Chair and Second Chair. **Councilman Revard** states that the Congress doesn't have Chair and Second Chair and that the Council is different than Congress. The motion is read and **Second Chair Red Eagle** calls for the vote.

Motion: Authorize Chief of Staff Reynolds to work with Osage Nation Treasurer to modify the line items in the FY 24 budget to reallocate funds to cover Council compensation package for the balance of FY 24.

Motion by: Second Chair Red Eagle

Councilmember Bighorse – Abstain

Councilmember Erwin – Y

Second Chair Red Eagle – Y

Councilmember Shackelford – N

Motion: Passed YES: 5 NO: 1

Second by: Councilman Cheshewalla

Councilmember Cheshewalla – Y

Councilmember Redcorn - Absent

Councilmember Revard - Y

Chairman Waller - Y

ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 1

5. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn

Time: 10:44 am

Motion by: Second Chair Red Eagle

Councilmember Bighorse – Y

Councilmember Erwin – Y

Second Chair Red Eagle – Y

Councilmember Shackelford – Y

Motion: Passed YES: 7 NO: 0

Second by: Councilman Bighorse

Councilmember Cheshewalla - Y

Councilmember Redcorn - A

Councilmember Revard – Y

Chairman Waller - Y

ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

Approved by the Fifth Osage Minerals Council on July 17, 2024.


Everett Waller, Chairman


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